

the Thirty-first Legislature of the State of Texas, entitled 'An Act defining and regulating fraternal beneficiary associations, and repealing Chapter 115 of the General Laws of the Twenty-sixth Legislature of the State of Texas as amended by Chapter 86 of the General Laws of the Twenty-seventh Legislature and by Chapter 113 of the General Laws of the Twenty-eighth Legislature and by Chapter 106 of the General Laws of the Twenty-ninth Legislature,' and declaring an emergency,"

And find the same correctly engrossed.
WARD, Chairman.

PETITIONS AND MEMORIALS.

By Senator Terrell of McLennan:

Moody, Texas, April 29, 1909.

Hon. H. B. Terrell, Austin, Texas.

You promised us bank guaranty. We have confidence in you, and expect you to fulfill this promise. The Meachum-Greer bill is our only hope, and it is satisfactory to us. The defeat of it will defeat all legislation. We earnestly pray that you give it your support.

Numerously signed.

FOURTEENTH DAY.

Senate Chamber,
Austin, Texas.

Saturday, May 1, 1909.

Senate met pursuant to adjournment, President Pro Tem. Murray presiding.

The roll was called, a quorum being present, the following Senators answering to their names:

Adams.	Paulus.
Alexander.	Peeler.
Brachfield.	Perkins.
Bryan.	Senter.
Cofer.	Stokes.
Greer.	Terrell of Bowie.
Hayter.	Terrell of McLennan.
Holsey.	Thomas.
Hudspeth.	Veale.
Hume.	Ward.
Kellie.	Watson.
Meachum.	Willacy.
Murray.	

Absent.

Harper.	Real.
Masterson.	Sturgeon.
Mayfield.	Weinert.

Prayer by the Chaplain, Rev. H. M. Sears.

Pending the reading of the Journal of yesterday, on motion of Senator Cofer, the same was dispensed with.

BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS.

By Senator Hudspeth:

Senate bill No. 41, A bill to be entitled "An Act to amend Section 1, Chapter 132 of the Acts of the Twenty-ninth Legislature so as to permit the owners of land or lots sold to the State or to any city or town for taxes to redeem the same, with an emergency."

Read first time, and referred to Committee on Public Lands and Land Office. Morning call concluded.

SENATE BILL NO. 39.

The Chair laid before the Senate, on second reading and regular order,

Senate bill No. 39, A bill to be entitled "An Act to authorize incorporated towns, cities and villages in the State of Texas to construct permanent street improvements and assess part of the cost thereof against the owners of property abutting upon such improvements and their property and against the owners of railroads occupying streets or highways improved and their property, and to provide for the enforcement and collection of such assessments, and to provide for the submission thereof to a vote of the qualified voters of such towns, cities and villages, and declaring an emergency."

On motion of Senator Veale, the bill was laid on the table subject to call.

HOUSE BILL NO. 61.

The Chair laid before the Senate, on second reading and regular order,

House bill No. 61, A bill to be entitled "An Act to amend Subdivision 21, Article 642 of the Revised Civil Statutes of the State of Texas, adopted in 1895, as amended by an act of the Twenty-eighth Legislature, Chapter 44, page 62, entitled 'An Act to amend Subdivision 21 of Article 642 of the Revised Civil Statutes of the State of Texas, adopted in 1895, so as to provide that corporations organized for the purpose of constructing or acquiring with power to maintain and operate street railways and suburban or belt lines of railways within and near cities and towns which

use electric power shall be authorized to supply and sell electric light and power to the public and to municipalities, so as to authorize corporations organized under said subdivision of said act to use electricity, steam or other motive power, and to confer upon such corporation the right of eminent domain; providing, that such railways shall not be subject to the control of the Railroad Commission, and declaring an emergency."

The committee report with an amendment, and that the bill be not printed, was read and adopted.

Senator Senter offered the following amendment, which was read and adopted:

Amend the bill by striking out the committee amendment.

Bill read second time, and passed to third reading.

On motion of Senator Senter, the constitutional rule requiring bills to be read on three several days was suspended, and the bill put on its third reading and final passage by the following vote:

Yeas—21.

Alexander	Paulus.
Bryan.	Peeler.
Cofer.	Perkins.
Greer.	Senter.
Hayter.	Stokes.
Holsey.	Terrell of McLennan.
Hudspeth.	Thomas.
Kellie.	Veale.
Mayfield.	Ward.
Meachum.	Willacy.
Murray.	

Absent.

Adams.	Real.
Brachfield.	Sturgeon.
Harper.	Terrell of Bowie.
Hume.	Watson.
Masterson.	Weinert.

The bill was read third time, and passed by the following vote:

Yeas—21.

Alexander.	Paulus.
Bryan.	Peeler.
Cofer.	Perkins.
Greer.	Senter.
Hayter.	Stokes.
Holsey.	Terrell of McLennan.
Hudspeth.	Thomas.
Kellie.	Veale.
Mayfield.	Ward.
Meachum.	Willacy.
Murray.	

Absent.

Adams.	Real.
Brachfield.	Sturgeon.
Harper.	Terrell of Bowie.
Hume.	Watson.
Masterson.	Weinert.

Senator Senter moved to reconsider the vote by which the bill was passed, and lay that motion on the table.

The motion to table prevailed.

The Senate was here at ease until 11 o'clock and was again called to order by President Pro Tem. Murray.

SENATE BILL NO. 39.

Senator Harper here called up Senate bill No. 39, which was on the table subject to call (see former proceedings of today for caption of).

The committee report, which provided that the bill be not printed, was adopted.

Senator Senter offered the following amendment, which was read and adopted:

Amend the bill, Section 12, by adding at the end of said section the following words: "Provided, that in any case in which a conflict may exist or arise between the provisions of this act and the provisions of any law granting a special charter to any city in the State, the provisions of such special charter shall control."

SENTER,
ALEXANDER.

Bill read second time, and ordered engrossed.

On motion of Senator Harper, the constitutional rule requiring bills to be read on three several days was suspended, and the bill put on its third reading and final passage by the following vote:

Yeas—24.

Adams.	Murray.
Alexander.	Paulus.
Bryan.	Peeler.
Cofer.	Perkins.
Greer.	Senter.
Harper.	Stokes.
Hayter.	Terrell of McLennan.
Hudspeth.	Thomas.
Hume.	Veale.
Kellie.	Ward.
Mayfield.	Watson.
Meachum.	Willacy.

Absent.

Brachfield.	Masterson.
Holsey.	Real.

Sturgeon. Weinert.
Terrell of Bowie.

The bill was read third time, and passed by the following vote:

Yeas—23.

Adams.	Murray.
Alexander.	Paulus.
Bryan.	Peeler.
Cofer.	Perkins.
Greer.	Senter.
Harper.	Stokes.
Hayter.	Terrell of McLennan.
Hudspeth.	Thomas.
Hume.	Veale.
Kellie.	Ward.
Mayfield.	Willacy.
Meachum.	

Absent.

Brachfield.	Sturgeon.
Holsey.	Terrell of Bowie.
Masterson.	Watson.
Real.	Weinert.

Senator Harper moved to reconsider the vote by which the bill was passed, and lay that motion on the table.

The motion to table prevailed.

EXCUSED.

On account of important business:

Senator Weinert for today, on motion of Senator Kellie.

Senator Masterson for today, on motion of Senator Alexander.

ADJOURNMENT.

On motion of Senator Kellie, the Senate adjourned until Monday morning at 10 o'clock.

APPENDIX.

COMMITTEE REPORTS.

Committee Room,
Austin, Texas, May 1, 1909.

Hon. A. B. Davidson, President of the Senate.

Sir: Your Committee on Engrossed Bills have carefully examined and compared

Senate bill No. 28, A bill to be entitled "An Act authorizing any life insurance company incorporated under the laws of this State, at its option, to deposit

securities equal in value to the legal reserve on its outstanding policies and annuity bonds for the benefit of all the holders thereof, and providing for the regulation and maintenance of such deposit, and the terms and purposes for which same shall be held; providing for additional reserve on extra hazardous risks; making it unlawful to pay certain persons for procuring insurance, and fixing a penalty for the violation thereof, and declaring an emergency."

And find the same correctly engrossed.

HAYTER, Acting Chairman.

PETITIONS AND MEMORIALS.

By Senator Perkins:

Wolfe City, Texas, April 30, 1909.

Hon. Tom W. Perkins, Senate, Austin, Texas.

Dear Sir: Citizens of this section censure Senate, Legislature and Campbell account of frequent cold spells, and respectfully request adjournment before it snows.

Signed—N. Fetty, L. A. Dawlen, W. F. Jackson, J. R. Knight, J. D. Harrell, J. W. Motley, J. H. Blocker and twenty others.

FIFTEENTH DAY.

Senate Chamber,
Austin, Texas,
Monday, May 3, 1909.

Senate met pursuant to adjournment, Lieutenant Governor A. B. Davidson presiding.

The roll was called, a quorum being present, the following Senators answering to their names:

Adams.	Paulus.
Alexander.	Peeler.
Brachfield.	Perkins.
Cofer.	Real.
Greer.	Senter.
Harper.	Stokes.
Hayter.	Sturgeon.
Holsey.	Terrell of Bowie.
Hudspeth.	Terrell of McLennan.
Hume.	Thomas.
Kellie.	Veale.
Mayfield.	Ward.
Meachum.	Weinert.
Murray.	Willacy.

Absent.

Bryan.	Watson.
Masterson.	